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KAZUMA TORISUNA IS REUNITED WITH HIS LONG-LOST SURROGATE BROTHER, COUGAR STRAIGHT, ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT HE IS NOW A MEMBER OF HOLY. AND WHILE THESE TWO ALTER TITANS CLASH, AKIRA AND HANNISH USE THE DISTRACTION TO RESCUE THE CAPTURED MEMBERS OF LAWLESS FROM HOLY HEADQUARTERS. BUT JUST WHEN OFFICER STRAIGHT OPENS UP TO KAZUMA ABOUT HOLY'S REAL INTENTIONS FOR THE WASTELAND, ANOTHER OFFICER SHUTS HIM UP ...PERMANTELY.

THE MYSTERY BEHIND HOLY, THEN, IS GROWING, MAKING KAZUMA EVEN MORE DETERMINED TO STOP THEM, AND RYUHOU EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS OF HIS ROLE IN THE SHADOWY ORGANIZATION.

ENJOY!!!

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History

22 years ago, a seismic phenomenon struck the Yokohama region of Japan, driving the high-populated district miles into the sky and leaving its people confused, alone and surrounded by death and destruction. But more tragedy would befall the once thriving metropolis—immediately after the phenomenon, a fraction of its newborn children began to exhibit genetic abnormalities that gave them supernatural abilities. These abilities became known as Alters, and those that possessed them, Alter Users. For years, mortal human struggled against the incredible might of these mutants whose power for destruction further sunk any hopes the Yokohomo citizens of re-building their former city.

Over the last two decades, though, some have taken to constructing a fortified city that would return at least a sliver of civilization to the vast wasteland of what people now called the Lost Ground. To protect this new urban stronghold from the chaos of the wasteland beyond, its citizens established a government and a military. But the success of the city hinged on an elite police force made up of Alter Users who have decided to use their powers for the benefit of mankind rather than their own personal gain. This organization is known as HOLY and has been charged with the task of keeping Native Alter Users (those Alter Users who roam freely across the wasteland) from disrupting the city's prosperity and growth.

Recently, though, HOLY has taken it upon themselves to patrol increasingly larger sections of the wasteland, far beyond the purview of the city government, and in doing so, HOLY officers have resorted to abusing their powers against the wasteland population. Ryuhou, one of the idealistic HOLY officers blind to the organization's abuses, still believes in the necessity for order in a world of chaos. But he is open to reason. However, the only voice of reason is a hotheaded Native Alter User named Kazuma Torisuna, the Treasoner, who has a tendency to strike first and ask questions later.

Kazuma, though, has come into the company of LAWLESS, a band of freedom fighters bent on dislodging the grip HOLY has over the wasteland and usher in a new era of harmonious co-existence between humans and alters.

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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

STRAIGHT!

GUFF ...

GUH ...

GAAAAAH!

HEY, SHOW-BOAT

THAT HURT A LITTLE.

Five Years Ago...

YOU THINK I'VE GOTTEN STRONGER, KAZUMA?

...IS JUST A STATE OF MIND.

YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO BECOME STRONGER ?

YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW THAT STRENGTH...

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN!

Kazuma: 13 years old

YOU CAN BECOME STRONGER ?!!

OF COURSE YOU CAN!

BUT NOT HOW YOU'D EXPECT.

Cougar:, 17 years old

...BY LIFTING WEIGHTS OR EATING MEAT.

YOU DON'T BUILD STRENGTH ...

"THINK WEAK?"

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET STRONGER ...

...YOU HAVE TO "THINK WEAK."

LET'S SAY YOU SEE ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS BEING HASSLED BY SOMEBODY.

WHAT'S THE WIMPIEST THOUGHT YOU COULD HAVE?

TO TURN AND RUN AWAY.

RIGHT, AND IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY WEAK THOUGHTS LIKE THOSE, YOU CAN RESIST GIVING IN TO THEM.

バアアア

SHAME IS FOR THE WEAK.

FOR PEOPLE TOO SPINELESS TO ACCEPT THE DECISIONS THEY'VE MADE.

STILL THE QUICK WIT, I SEE.

!!

HUH?

WELL, IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN JOKES AND INSULTS TO BEAT ME.

Shell Bullet of Enforcement!

OR FOR PEOPLE ABOUT TO GET THEIR ASS KICKED BY THE LITTLE KID THEY GREW UP WITH!

COUGAR CLAW!!!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

IT WAS LIKE SOMETHING JUST BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER.

THAT SOUND CAME FROM BEHIND US!

AN ATTACK FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND...

...THERE'S ONLY ONE ALTER IN HOLY WHO CAN DO THAT!

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ナ..

ナ!!

HUH?

MIJ-YOU-SAN!

MIJ-YOU-SAN!

ナ!!

WHAT?

COUGAR STRAIGHT!

THE MOST POWERFUL OF NATIVE ALTERS...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KAZUMA?

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME, KAZUMA.

YOU'RE THINKING, "IF I FIGHT HIM, I'M GONNA DIE FOR SURE."

..."I'M GONNA DIE."

I'LL BET I CAN EVEN GUESS THE WEAK THOUGHT RUNNING THROUGH YOUR HEAD RIGHT NOW...

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY DEFEAT ME. AFTER ALL, I TAUGHT YOU EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

NO...

.....

HEH HEH HEH ...

...YOU'RE STILL JUST A SHELL OF THE MAN YOU USED TO BE."

...BUT I'M ALL GROWN UP NOW. AND WHEN THIS FIGHT IS THROUGH...

NO MORE SCREWING AROUND! I MAY HAVE BEEN A KID THE LAST TIME YOU SAW ME...

THAT ISN'T IT AT ALL!

...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU BEAT ME UP...

THE ONLY THOUGHT I'M HAVING NOW IS...

...you'll be the one crying like a little baby!

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WOW, YOU CAN STILL STAND.

I MUST SAY, YOU IMPRESS ME, KAZUMA.

NOT EVERYONE IS SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

Chapter 19: Brother vs. Brother

第19話／高速VS攻速

THE MINUTE YOU CARE ABOUT SOMETHING, YOUR LIFE WILL BURN OUT QUICKER THAN THIS CIGARETTE.

...IT'S YOUR CONVICTIONS THAT MAKE YOU WEAK. YOUR BELIEFS WILL BE THE DEATH OF YOU.

TRY TO UNDERSTAND...

BUT ARE YOU READY TO DIE FOR THEM, KAZUMA?!!

Cougar Claw!

FUCK YOU!

Shell Bullet of Destruction!

WHA...?!

FAST ENOUGH FOR YOU, KAZUMA?!

COUGAR SPEED!

SHELL BULLET OF...

URK!

SHIT!

TOO SLOW, KID. TRY A TASTE OF THIS SPEED!

COUGAR!!

WITH MY SOUND STAFF...

...I CAN SENSE KAZUMA'S FEELINGS. I CAN HEAR WHAT HE WANTS.

!

ゴゴゴゴ...

AAAA!

ゴゴゴ

MIJYOU-SAN! PLEASE STOP THE FIGHT!

KAZUMA!!!

.....

BUT FIGHTING WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING!

"DON'T INTERFERE!"

"THIS IS MY FIGHT!"

I CAN'T DO THAT.

...IS ACHIEVED THROUGH SACRIFICE.

?

...AND HE'LL DO IT TO ENSURE THAT OTHERS CAN LIVE FREE.

HE UNDER-STANDS THE SACRIFICE HE MUST MAKE...

KAZUMA KNOWS THAT.

KAZU-KUN...

LOOK AROUND YOU!

MIMORI-SAN, DO YOU THINK YOU'RE LIVING IN SOME KIND OF EDEN?

WE LIVE IN A GARDEN OF DESTRUCTION.

THIS PEACE...

OTHERS PAY THE PRICE FOR THE PEACE THAT HANNISH AND I HAVE GIVEN YOU. AND IT'S A PRICE PAID IN BLOOD.

...I WILL INCREASE THE INNER'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FIVE TIMES ITS CURRENT LEVEL.

IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR ENROLLMENT IN HOLY...

...AS PER OUR AGREEMENT...

YOU CAN TRUST THIS WILL BE DONE.

...I, HOLY COMMANDER MARTIN ZIGMAR, SWEAR IT.

...I'M STILL ALIVE.

STILL HERE, COUGAR...

HMPH...

A few years earlier...

COUGAR STRAIGHT!

WHAT?

KAZUMA...

.....

EH?

I'M SENDING YOU TO THE NEXT WORLD ON A ROCKET OF PAIN!

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS, I'M JUST AS NAIVE A FOOL AS YOU.

NAH, ANYTHING I SAY WOULD JUST BE AN EXCUSE..

NO... CAN'T BE...

HE DODGED IT?!!

WHAT?

COUGAR SPEED!

NO...

HE ABSORBED MY SPEED!

A moment ago...!

バキ

IF SO, THEN HE'S...

...IS YOUR SPEED!

YOU'RE A FAST MAN.

NOW, LET ME RETURN THE FAVOR BY GIVING YOU ONE OF MINE!

WHAAT?!!

SO NATURALLY, THE FIRST THING I'D STEAL...

AS A CHILD, I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE YOU.

SHELL BULLET OF...

YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT, KAZUMA.

COUGAR SPEED!

WHAT AN ASSHOLE...!!

KAZUMA!

SO BE IT!

TRIPLE BLADED ATTACK!

VELOCITY!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

COME BACK KIRYU-SAN!!

I MUST FIND HIM.

I CAN'T LET HIM DIE.

Chapter 20: Backstabbed 第20話／裏切り

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第20話／裏切り

HEH...HEH HEH HEH...

CLEVER BOY. HE USED HIS FALLING SPEED...

...TO MAKE HIMSELF FASTER THAN ME.

KAZUMA!!...

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT YOU HEAR THE WORDS OF A DYING MAN. SO LISTEN CLOSELY.

I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THIS!

YEAH.

THEY ARRIVED.

BUT IT'S A RUSE.

DID THE RELIEF MATERIALS FROM HOLY REACH THE INNER?

HOLY'S BEEN USING THEM AS BAIT FOR HUNTING NATIVE ALTERS.

VICTORY?

NO COUGAR, THIS ISN'T A VICTORY.

...VICTORY IS YOURS.

HEH HEH...

...KILLED A LITTLE KID IN COLD BLOOD!

ううあ

THE OFFICER THAT WAS OVER-SEEING IT...

あああ

...I NEED YOU TO TALK TO ME.

KAZUMA ...

RYUHOU! LOOK OVER THERE!

!!

WHO THE...

THAT'S...

YOU?!

...COUGAR!!

I REALLY... SCREWED UP...

ボロ...

I...

!?

GIUUKK ...

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE NUKED THE PLACE!

WH...

WHAT HAPPENED?!

PLEASE, COUGAR... TELL ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.

!?

HE'S CRYING?!!

KANEMA?

DAMN YOU, RYU-HOU...

.....

YOU MURDERER...

DID YOU DO THIS?!

HAS HOLY MADE YOU SO BLIND?

YOU INSENSI-TIVE PIECE OF FILTH!!!

...IF I FIND OUT YOU KILLED OFFICER STRAIGHT, KAZUMA...

...BUT I PROMISE YOU THIS...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE...

...CAN HEAR THE GUILT IN YOUR VOICE, MURDERER!

EVEN A BLIND MAN...

...AND I'LL BE THE ONE TO CARRY IT OUT!!!

...HOLY WILL SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH...

PLEASE, LISTEN TO ME...

RYUHOU...

!!

KAZUMA! WAIT!

SHELL BULLET OF--

!!

WHAT?!

HE'S JUST BEING USED, ALONG WITH THE REST OF US.

YOUR FIGHT IS NOT WITH KAZUMA.

YOU'VE GOT TO... LIVE...

COU... COUGAR!

HE DID A GREAT JOB KEEPING IT QUIET...

THAT MAN...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HEH... HEH HEH HEH...

KILL HIM!

MARTIN ZIGMAR!

COUGAR...?

HEH HEH HEH

THE QUESTION ISN'T *WHAT* I'M TALKING ABOUT, BUT *WHO*.

GU...

COUGAR!!!

NO!

WHA...

WHAT THE HELL?!

GUH!

AGH-AAAH!

YOU SELF-RIGHTEOUS PIECE OF SHIT!

URIZANE, WHA... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

KEE HEE HEE...

CARRYING OUT MY ORDERS.

YOU TALK TOO MUCH, COUGAR!

HUH HUH HUH HUH ...

HOLY Officer Class A

Urizane

WELL, YOU *DID*, AT ANY RATE.

URIZANE ??!!!

YOU TREACHEROUS SON OF A BITCH!

YOU MURDERING SON OF A BITCH!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

I HAVE TO STOP THE FIGHT BEFORE...

HUFF

HUFF

HUH?

YEEE-EEEEEEK!

Chapter 21: Urizane 第21話／瓜核

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Chapter 21: Urizane
オオオオ
KEE HEE HEE

AND SEEING HOW COUGAR WAS AT DEATH'S DOOR ANYWAY...
THE PENALTY FOR BETRAYING HOLY IS DEATH.
...I'D SAVE THE EXECUTIONER THE TROUBLE. VERY KIND OF ME, HUH?
...I FIGURED...
I DON'T NEED TO LISTEN TO THIS...
URIZANE, YOU PIG!

GUAAH!

URIZANE PEEL!

YOU'RE STILL TOO WEAK FROM FIGHTING COUGAR. YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT ME!

HEH HEH HEH ...

GAH!

...STUPID ...BULLSHIT!

SHELL BULLET OF VEGEANCE!!!

AAH!!!

HEH HEH HEH HEH

CHERISE!

NOOOOOOO!

No

RYUHOU!

LET'S COM-BINE!

HUH?!

NOT GONNA HAPPEN!

URIZANE WATERMELON MEN!

HUH?!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.

THAT'S URIZANE'S ALTER? OF ALL THE STUPID...

USING WATERMELON SEEDS TO CREATE A PERSONAL ARMY?

EH, STOP WHINING. YOU WERE AS CURIOUS AS THE REST OF US.

WHAT THE HELL'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!!

URI-ZANE!

SO, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE FUN FOR WORK-AHOLIC RYUHOU-SENSEI, NOW?

ボヨヨン!!

SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO SIT BACK, RELAX AND WATCH THE GRASS GROW.

HUH?!

VERY GOOD, RYUHOU!

GEH...

BUT BEFORE YOU KILL ME, LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU TO A FRIEND.

Zetsuei!

WELL, IT'S NO MATCH FOR MY ZETSUEI!

YEEEEEEK!

AH...

AH...

AH...

RYUHOU?!

NO...

MIMORI!

HO HO!

...YOU SHOULD TELL HER NOT TO GO WANDERING OFF BY HERSELF.

A GIRL CAN GET HURT AROUND HERE.

WHY RYUHOU...

DO YOU KNOW THIS WOMAN?

THAT UNI-FORM...

RYUHOU YOU JOINED HOLY?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MIMORI?

WHA...

HEH HEH HEH

GUH!

COWARD!

RYUHOU!

AND RIGHT NOW, I'M *AFRAID* OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO MY OTHER HOSTAGE.

UH!

UH!

YEAH, I'M A COWARD.

CHERISE!

HERE!

NO!

IF I DECIDE TO LET YOU LIVE, THAT IS.

UGUK!

KEE HEE HEE

WOOHOO! MURDER BY MELONS, AIN'T IT GREAT?!!

GUH!

OOOH! LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT SOME EXPLAININ' TO DO, CITY BOY!

三歩

WHAT?!

七歩

KAZUMA!

NO!!

PEACE IS ACHEIVED THROUGH SACRIFICE.

PEACE IS ACHIEVED THROUGH SACRIFICE.

IT'S JUST A DREAM.

WHAT IS PARADISE...?

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO FIGHT?

HEY!

GOT A QUESTION FOR THE LAWLESS LADY.

THE HOSTAGES!!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU IDIOT?

ゴゴゴ...

I UNDERSTAND THAT...

KAZUMA!

I MUST FACE THE HORROR IN WHICH WE LIVE.

I...

BUT...

PLEASE!

PLEASE FIGHT!!!

KICK HIS TUBBY ASS TO TOKYO!

SO THAT'S IT... THAT'S IT...

THE JURY HAS SPOKEN.

ONE ASS-KICKING COMING UP!

Chapter 22: United Front! 第22話／共闘

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MOST DEFINITELY!

WHAT'S THIS, BOY?

YOU WANT TO TAKE ME ON?

ズザーッ…

YOU AND YOUR HOSTAGES!

THE HOST-AGES!!!

STOP KAZUMA!

COMPLIMENTS OF THE TREASONER!!!

第22話／共闘
Chapter 22 United Front

GET READY, BOY...

GRRAH!

THERE'S NO WAY I'M QUITTING NOW!

KAZUMA?!

GRRRAH!

Urizane Seed!

AGUHH!

FIRST, LET ME GIVE YOUR GIRLFRIEND A LITTLE HUG.

ALWAYS GETTING MEN IN TROUBLE!

BUGAAAH!

KAZUMA!

PATHETIC ...

GUUH.. UUH...

AND AFTER ALL THAT BOASTING, TOO.

KAZUMA!

DON'T YOU AGREE, BOY?

WOMEN...

I'M NOT DYIIIIIIIING!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

ENJOY YOUR TRIP TO THE AFTERLIFE!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

AH!

HA HA HA HA HA!

WHAT?!

LOOK BEHIND YOU, PUDGE.

DID YOU REALLY THINK WE'D LOSE TO A MELON-HEAD LIKE YOU?

WELL, IT'S BEEN FUN, BUT I'M AFRAID OUR TIME TOGETHER HAS ENDED.

SURPRISED, COWARD?

NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON ME.

GRAAAH!

RYUHOU...

I COULD SURE GO FOR SOME WATERMELON RIGHT NOW, HOW ABOUT YOU?

AH!

NO!!!

THIS CAN'T BE!!!

ZETSUEI'S TENTACLES ARE COMING UP THROUGH THE GROUND!

RYUHOU!

NOBODY TOUCHES MY MELON YOU ASSHOLES!!!

AH!

Super Urizane Seed!

HOW'S THAT TASTE, YOU LITTLE SHITS?

BWA HAHA HAHA!

UK!

I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

NO...

THE PAIN I FEEL FOR YOUR DEATH...

COUGAR STRAIGHT!

...MY BULLET!

...WILL FUEL...

OFFICER URIZANE, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR THE MURDER OF HOLY OFFICER COUGAR STRAIGHT.

THAT ISN'T THE BEST YOU'VE GOT NOW, IS IT?

GRA!

AH!

AH!

SHELL BULLET OF GRIEF!!!

STOP!!!

YOU CAN'T STOP A BULLET!

...THE WAR HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU BEAT ME OR NOT...

KEE HEE HEE...

GAH!

ECK...

GEH...

GUAH!

UH...

URIZANE WHY...?

...THERE MUST BE SACRIFICE.

...THAT IN EVERY WAR...

AND YOU KNOW...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

HEH HEH HEH ...

HEH...

GUH...

HRIZANE...

LEARN TO FIGHT AGAINST YOUR WEAK SIDE, AND YOU WILL NATURALLY BECOME STRONGER.

THINK OF IT AS MENTAL TREASON.

I REALLY... SCREWED UP...

COUGAR...

Chapter 23: Men and Women 第23話／男と女

IT'S BEEN SO LONG... WE WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS...

AND ...

...THAT YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH THE VERY HOLY OFFICER THAT PUT ME IN YOUR CARE?

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME...

KAZUMA-SAN...

...AND I LOST TOUCH WITH HIM.

BUT THREE YEARS AGO HIS MOTHER WAS MURDERED BY A VIOLENT NATIVE USER...

WE WERE LOVERS FOR A WHILE TOO...

NOW I FIND HIM WEARING THE UNIFORM OF HOLY.

COUGAR STRAIGHT!

Chapter 23: Men and Women

第23話 男と女

I JOINED LAWLESS BECAUSE I WANTED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I...

I WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD WITHOUT CONFLICT.

I ENLISTED IN HOLY FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE.

SO DO I.

ニガサナイ...

AND I FIND YOU ALLIED WITH OUR ENEMY, LAWLESS.

.....

LIVING WITH OUTLAWS LIKE THIS IN THE WASTELAND... IT'S NO KIND LIFE FOR YOU, MIMORI.

COME BACK TO THE CITY!

ニガサナイ...

IF WE ARE TO TASTE VICTORY, OTHERS MUST SAVOR DEFEAT.

WE SACRIFICE REST TIME TO STUDY ALL NIGHT.

IF WE ARE TO LIVE, OTHER CREATURES MUST DIE.

A PERPERTUAL CYCLE OF VICTORY AND SACRIFICE.

AND IT MOVES THROUGH ETERNITY.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED, HAVE YOU?!

DON'T BE A FOOL!

I'M GOING TO HOLY HQ TO GET SOME ANSWERS

THIS SLAUGHTER ?!

YOU CALL THIS "PEACE"?

ORDER THAT ONLY HOLY CAN PROVIDE.

...IT WILL COME THROUGH ORDER.

IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN THIS WORLD...

...COME AT THE EXPENSE OF SOME-THING ELSE.

ALL GREAT ACCOMPLISH-MENTS...

PLEASE FIGHT!

I CAN'T DO THAT, RYUHOU.

I...

COME BACK TO THE CITY, MIMORI.

SELF-SACRIFICE IS STILL SACRIFICE.

THAT... THAT WAS...

I WILL NEVER BELIEVE THAT VIOLENCE IS THE ANSWER, BUT...

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THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE WHO NEED MY HELP.

I'VE STUDIED THIS CYCLE, AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY IT'S PROVEN ONE THING ABOVE ALL ELSE.

PEACE IS ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH ORDER.

YOU PROVED IT YOURSELF...

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THAT'S NOT REAL PEACE!

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...I DON'T KNOW!

SO THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T ARREST HIM? SO HE COULD PROTECT HER?

SHE'S NOT ALONE, SHE'S WITH KAZUMA.

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I DIDN'T ARREST HIM BECAUSE WE HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS TO DEAL WITH.

AFTER WHAT COUGAR SAID, I'D SAY WE HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR COMMANDER ZIGMAR, DON'T YOU?

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RYUHOU, IS IT OKAY?

I MEAN TO LEAVE HER OUT THERE...

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RYUHOU... HAS A SOFT SIDE? NAH!!!

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I MUST BE HEARING THINGS.

HE NEVER THINKS OF ANYBODY'S FEELINGS!

MIMORI RELENTLESSLY PURSUES IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS.

SHE HASN'T CHANGED.

YES... DEFINITELY...

CHERISE, SET A COURSE FOR HQ!

ROGER!

I DO.

SHE'S A WARM, KIND, *STUBBORN* WOMAN.

YOU SEEM LIKE YOU KNOW HER REALLY WELL...

HE REALIZES THIS AND HAS TREATED ME LIKE AN EQUAL.

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THIS JOURNEY WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE DIFFICULT IF HE HAD PATRONIZED MY CALL FOR PEACE.

O... OKAY.

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LAWLESS ISLAND IS JUST OVER THIS HILL.

TREASONER KAZUMA!

...AND HE FOUGHT SO I COULD LIVE!

THIS MAN ISN'T CRUEL, BUT KIND.

I WAS THE ONE WHO PRESSED HIM TO FIGHT...

WELL, NO. I DON'T THINK SO.

IS HE BEING CRUEL?

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HE HASN'T SAID A SINGLE WORD OR OFFERED ME ANY HELP SINCE WE STARTED HEADING BACK.

KAZUMA-SAN... WHAT...?!

KAZUMA-SAN?

KAZUMA-SAN!

HUH?

LYING DOWN THERE... IT CAN'T BE!!!

THERE...

LAWLESS!!

OOH...

UHH...

OOH...

WAKE UP, KANAMI!

KANAMI!

WHO DID THIS?!!

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?

SHE'S STILL ALIVE!

カナミ!

WHAT?

カナミ!

KANAMI!

YOU'RE HURT!!!

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MIJYOU-SAN! ARE YOU OKAY?

...LAW...

WHAT HAPPENED, MIJYOU?

WHAT?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

LAWLESS... DESTROY...

AKIRA MIJYOU?!

Chapter 24: Annihilation

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Earlier...

AH!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

IT WAS ONLY ONE MAN!

OUR ISLAND!

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NO!

ALL THOSE PEO-PLE...

LAWLESS HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

KIMISHIMA-SAN! OVER THERE!

EH?!

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NO WAY!

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LAWLESS!!

BUT... BUT...

IT WAS HOLY ...

WHO DID THIS?!

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AH!

HOLY

STOP! DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!

I'LL KILL YOU!

...BASTARD!

YOU...

HOLY?!

THAT UNI-FORM!

HOLY DID THIS?!

HEH HEH HEH...

HEH HEH...

...HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN US!

...BUT WHATEVER IT WAS...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALTER HE USED...

GUAH!

GAH!

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BUT LET'S SEE IF HE CAN HANDLE--

HANNISH?

DEAR GOD...

YOU'RE A WOMAN!

HANNISH... WHY?

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YOU'VE BEEN MY FRIEND FOR YEARS...!!

GET OUT OF HERE, AKIRA.

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UH...

!?

SOMEBODY HAS TO STOP HIM!

HANNISH! WHY?

WHAT?

YOU...

AHH !!!

DON'T WORRY, KANAMI-CHAN. I'LL BE OKAY!

KIMISHIMA-SAN!

KAZUMA SAID THAT HE'D MEET US HERE.

BUT HE *NEVER* SAID THAT WE COULDN'T HAVE A LITTLE FUN WHILE WE WERE WAITING!

...BUT THIS IS NO JOB FOR A WOMAN!

RUN BACK TO THE DISTRIBUTION CENTER.

KAZUMA CAN FIND YOU EASILY THERE.

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH

I'M GOING TOO!

ME TOO!

I'M WITH YOU, HANNISH!

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!

...I THANK YOU, MY FRIEND.

AKIRA...

...SOMETHING THAT HE NEVER THOUGHT HE'D HAVE.

YOU GAVE THIS 'OLD WARRIOR...

PLEASE...

YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO FIGHT FOR.

THERE COMES A TIME...

...WHEN MEN MUST PUT ASIDE THEIR RAKES AND SHOVELS AND TAKE UP THEIR GUNS AND SWORDS!

...I WILL NEVER RETREAT!

NO MATTER WHAT'S FACING US...

WHICH SIDE WILL WIN?

THAT I DON'T KNOW, BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN.

...LIVE THE LIFE THAT I COULD NOT, AKIRA.

TAKE CARE OF KANAMI-CHAN AND THE REST.

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HEH HEH

EAT THIS!

GOLAND MASSACRE!

HA HA HA HA!

THEY SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES SO WE COULD ESCAPE...

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IT CAN'T BE!

NO!

SUCH A WASTE...

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KIMI-SHIMA-SAN!

HANNISH!

NO...

THOSE HOLY MOTHER FUCKERS' HAVE GONE TOO FAR!

NO! NO! NO!

City Entrance

Gate

WHAT?!

NOW LET ME IN!

DON'T YOU CLOWNS RECOGNIZE A HOLY UNIFORM WHEN YOU SEE ONE?!

WHAT?!

YOUR STATUS AS AN OFFICER HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

I CANNOT DO THAT.

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I DEMAND A COMPLETE EXPLANATION!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

OUR STATUS AS OFFICERS... SUSPENDED... WHAT?

I WILL REPORT THIS INTERFERENCE TO COMMANDER ZIGMAR. NOW MOVE OUT OF MY WAY!

THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU, SIR.

GRR!

ZETSUEI!

I WILL *NOT* ACCEPT SUCH INSUBORDINATION FROM A SOLDIER WHO INFLATES HIS SIGNIFICANCE!

I ASKED YOU TO MOVE ASIDE, BUT NOW I'M DONE ASKING!

UGH!

MOVE!

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LEAVE NOW.

DO NOT COME ANY CLOSER, SIR! I WILL SHOOT YOU IF I MUST.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M *NOT* GOING TO DO!

WHAT NOW, RYUHOU?!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

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MOVE!

UH...

UH...

UH...

WHO...?

AH...

NO! DO NOT MOVE!

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IT'S A DIFFERENT DESIGN FROM OURS!

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THAT UNI-FORM!

I AM...

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THAT'S RIGHT, DARLING. I'M NOT YOUR RUN-OF-THE-MILL HOLY OFFICER.

...MARY JANE!

...SUPER HOLY OFFICER...

HI BOYS!

HMPH!

THIS HAS ALL BEEN QUITE A FASCINATING SHOW, BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME THE CURTAIN DROPS.

SUPER HOLY OR NOT, I MUST SPEAK WITH COMMANDER ZIGMAR FACE TO FACE.

I LOVE IT WHEN MEN PLAY ROUGH.

Zetsuei.

MARY... JANE...?!

SUPER... HOLY...?!

ALL UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF COMMANDER ZIGMAR.

AN ENTIRE UNIT OF SPECIALISTS PICKED FROM THE VERY BEST OF HOLY.

THAT'S RIGHT... SUPER HOLY.

FINE!

YOU WANT A SHOW? WELL, THIS ONE'S "BROADCASTING" NATIONWIDE!

A RADIO?

"BROADCASTING"?

LET'S DANCE!

YOU'RE QUITE THE LITTLE DRAMA KING, AREN'T YOU?

RYUUHOU'S ZETSUEI!

WHA..?

...I LOVE THE RADIO!

THAT'S WHY...

YES.

THIS IS MY ALTER... THE RADIO!

INTER ESTING TALK SHOWS AND DRA-MAS...

...INTER VIEWS AND NEWS...

...WEATHER FORE-CASTS AND BASEBALL GAMES.

ANY-THING

ANYTHING CAN BE FOUND ON THE RADIO.

AND LET'S NOT FOR-GET...

ALL WITH A FLICK OF THE DIAL!

...ALL THAT GREAT MUSIC!!!

WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED!

WHA...? WHAT THE...? GIANT SPEAKERS?

RYUHOU... CHERISE

I CONGRATULATE YOU ON A JOB WELL DONE.

YOU WERE EXCELLENT HOLY OFFICERS.

A BIT *TOO* GOOD, UNFORTUNATELY.

A SHAME, REALLY.

BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU INTERFERING WITH THE GRANDER PLANS OF MARTIN ZIGMAR!

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KIMI-SHIMA ...

HANNISH... EVERYONE...

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THEY ALL DIED WITH HONOR...

...OF WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS.

OFFICER MARY JANE WILL NOW LEAVE THE LOST GROUND WITH A REMINDER...

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MARY JANE, BROADCAST THEIR SCREAMS TO ANYONE IN RANGE!

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HOW CAN YOU LAUGH, KAZUMA?!

HUH?

HUH HUH HUH HUH

I'M LAUGHING IN ANTICIPATION...

...OF THE GLORIOUS BATTLE THAT LIES AHEAD.

KIMISHIMA!

HANNISH... EVERYONE...!

THE END OF OUR ENEMY WILL COME...

Chapter 26 A Festival of Slaughter

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STAY HERE, MIJYOU.

...AND LOOK WHERE THAT GOT HIM. YOU MAY NEED ME, TREASONER.

HANNISH DIDN'T EXPECT WOMEN TO FIGHT...

I AM THE LEADER OF LAWLESS.

NATIVE ALTER USER AKIRA MIJYOU!

...NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

THEY MUST PAY FOR THE DEATHS OF OUR

KAZU-KUN, YOU'LL

わあっ!

THESE ARE POWER-FUL PEO-PLE! THEY'LL

KAZU-KUN! DON'T GO!!!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE!

I WON'T DIE.

DON'T WORRY, KANAMI.

WAIT, KAZU-KUN!

OKAY...

LET'S DO IT, THEN.

KAZUMA-SAN! MIJYOU-SAN!

YOU CAN'T GO TO THE CITY. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

THEY MUST PAY FOR THE ATROCITIES THEY HAVE COMMITTED.

I'M GOING TO DESTROY HOLY, AND HOLY IS IN THE CITY.

KAZU-KUN!

I'M KAZUMA TORISUNA, THE TREASONER!

I HAVE THE SHELL BULLET ALTER!

HOW CAN I?

I'M SORRY.

THAT'S A LIE!

IT'S A LIE!

IT'S NOT A LIE!

KAZU-KUN... WHY DIDN'T YOU...

KAZU-KUN, YOU'RE AN ALTER USER...

KAZU-KUN... EVERY ONE...

THAT'S RIGHT, KANAMI!

THIS ARM...

I'M AN ALTER USER!

I'VE FOUGHT FOR MANY LIVES WITH THIS ARM.

I'M A MAN WHO LIVES THROUGH VIOLENCE!

YOU LIAR!!

MY PURPOSE REQUIRED DISHONESTY, KANAMI. I'M SORRY.

IT'S ALL BEEN A LIE!

ALL THIS TIME... EVER SINCE WE MET ...

YOU'RE SO CRUEL...

YOU DECEIVED ME...

IT WAS EASY.

YEAH, I DECEIVED YOU.

...I KEPT THE TRUTH HIDDEN FROM YOU.

EVEN WHEN I HAD TO USE MY ALTER TO DO IT...

THERE WILL BE NO MORE DELAYS!

I'VE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME PREPARING FOR THIS.

I'LL DIE BEFORE I GIVE UP NOW.

POOR RYUHOU. HE WAS KINDA CUTE, TOO.

I HAD HOPED HE COULD BECOME THE FOURTH SUPER HOLY OFFICER.

HE WAS A MAN WITH A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE, MARY JANE.

Super HOLY Officer
Taiki Aono

THE THIRD OFFICER WILL WAKE SOON.

Super HOLY Officer
Mary Jane

WELL, FOUR'S A CROWD, ANYHOW. WE'LL BE FINE WITHOUT HIM, COMMANDER ZIGMAR.

REAAAALLY?

IF I TOLD HIM HE COULDN'T GO...

HE IS COMPLETELY DEVOTED TO ME.

...HE WOULD HAVE STAYED.

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HOW DID IT COME TO THIS? SO MANY PEOPLE DEAD. THE REST, SCATTERED.

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KAZUMA TOOK CARE OF ME AS A CHILD...

IT SUCKS.

IS IT GOOD?

HE NEEDED ME TO SAY THOSE THINGS TO HIM. HE NEEDED MY OKAY.

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IT'S OKAY...

KAZUMA-SAN...

HE'S ATTACKING HOLY TO PROTECT ME!

IS THAT MUSIC?!

HM? WHAT'S THAT?

I CAN'T MOVE!

WHEN HE FIGHTS, IT'S ME HE THINKS OF.

DON'T YOU SEE? I'M KAZU-KUN'S REASON FOR FIGHTING!

...WHO GUIDE THE SOULS OF MEN TO THE AFTERLIFE!

IT'S A SONG ABOUT WOMEN WARRIORS...

THAT MUSIC!

IT'S "RIDE OF THE VALKYRIES"!

AND MY GUESS IS THAT THEY'RE GONNA BE MIGHTY PISSED IF THEY DONT GET THEIR WAY!!!

...WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN THAT THERE ARE STILL LAWLESS OFFICERS LEFT ALIVE.

THAT MUSIC IS COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE WASTELAND...

AS YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER, I'D SAY WE'RE OFFICIALLY SCREWED, MEN.

To Be Continued In...

SCRYED

Volume 4

Ryuhou and Cherise lay unconscious at HOLY headquarters, their fates in the hands of Martin Zigmar and his new elite trio of Alter soldiers, the Super HOLY Officers. All Mimori and Kanami can do is wait and hope for the best.

With most of LAWLESS destroyed, Kazuma heads for the city to avenge his fallen friends accompanied only by the equally vengeful Akira. But, even with the suspicions of corruption in HOLY's inner circle, very little is yet know about what the organization ultimately stands for, and what its leader, Martin Zigmar, plans to do with his army of Alters. That's where the Alter Master Senin comes in. Senin, though incorporeal and somewhat mysterious himself, may very well hold the secrets of HOLY, Martin Zigmar, the Super Officers, the Alter Powers and...the Scryed technique. The question will come down to whether Kazuma and the tattered remains of LAWLESS can rise to the challenge of facing down a stronger, better-equipped, and utterly ruthless nemesis. Perhaps if the Treasoner is armed with Scryed, he may just be able to hold his own.

End of Volume 3